

9th Sunday after Pentecost – ELW 8

July 26, 2026, 2026 – 9:00 am

Accompanist

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Liturgists

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ELW = the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in

**your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

† *Gathering Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,

all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Liturgy of the Word

† Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

† Kyrie

ELW p. 184

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

† *Prayer of the Day*

We praise you, O God, for your mighty deeds. We praise you for the wonders of creation, the joy of music, the gift of breath. As you delight in creation and its wonders, teach us to delight in the many joys you provide. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Psalm 150

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Jordan Presnall

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

Hymn of the Day: How Can I Keep From Singing?

ELW 763

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn

that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul.

How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

What though my joys and comforts die?

The Lord my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round?

Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his!

How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

† Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life and joy, provide opportunities for play to those who too often go without it, especially all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you praise. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Thanksgiving at the Table

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

† Holy Holy Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

† Eucharistic Prayer

† Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Padrenuestro

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

*If you are communing at home, receive the bread with the words
“The Body of Christ given for you,” and the cup with “The blood
of Christ shed for you.”*

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

***Communion Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ELW 886**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad

the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears

and bids our sorrows cease,

sings music in the sinner's ears,

brings life and health and peace.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,

new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

the humble poor believe.

Look unto him, your Savior own,

O fallen human race!

Look and be saved through faith alone,

be justified by grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love

be now and ever giv'n

by saints below and saints above,

the church in earth and heav'n.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Announcements

VBS Participant and Volunteer Commissioning

Invite the volunteers to stand.

Dear friends, thank you for volunteering to share Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School with God's children this summer. As volunteers, you'll have many opportunities to share Jesus' love in words and actions as you represent Jesus and our church community. Do you want to help children and their families know and grow in Jesus, our Lord and Savior?

Volunteers: Yes, I want them to know and grow in Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

Philippians 4:13 assures us that we "can do all things through Jesus Christ who gives us strength." These words serve as a reminder that you can rely on Jesus for all the strength needed for VBS this week. Will you trust that God's strength is enough for all that may come this week at Snowball Mountain Challenge?

Volunteers: Yes, I will trust God's strength and rely on Jesus.

Will those students attending the Snowball Mountain VBS program please stand. Will each of you attend, listen, have fun, play, care for each other and open your hearts to the love

of God as you participate each day? If so, respond by saying, with God's help, I will.

Students: With God's help, I will.

And you, people of God, because Jesus lived, died and rose again for us, will you live as his beloved children, imitate God, and walk in love? Will you support, encourage, and pray for the Snowball Mountain VBS program, its students, workers, and RLC's teaching and outreach ministry?

Congregation: With God's help, we will.

Leader: May the Holy Spirit be with all of us and make it so!
We pray this in Jesus' name. **All: Amen.**

† Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

† Sending Song: Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

Let all things now living

a song of thanksgiving

to God the creator triumphantly raise,

who fashioned and made us,

protected and stayed us,

who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,

God's light goes before us,

a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

till shadows have vanished

and darkness is banished,

as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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